

# The Daily Courant.

Friday, September 18. 1702.

From the Amsterdam Gazette, Dated Sept. 21.

*A Continuation of the Journal of the Imperialists encamp'd near Luzara from the 28th of Aug. to the 3d of Sept. Inclusive. Which is the freshest Advice from that Army, as that of the 4th of Sept. in our Tuesd. Courant is the last from the French in Italy.*

**A**ugust 28. We hear from Guastalla that Adjutant-General Davia has brought in thither 24 Horses and some Prisoners. We have forrag'd, and continue to perfect the Works that cover our Left Wing. 29. Adj. Gen. Davia having receiv'd Orders to retire out of Guastalla with the Horse in case that Place should be besieg'd, has accordingly march'd from thence with 130 Horse towards Bersello; he has sent 80 to our Camp, and has left a few at Guastalla. 30. The Enemy have begun to batter Guastalla with 10 Cannon and 2 Mortars. They have increas'd their Army at Luzara with all the Troops that they can possibly draw together. Lieutenant-Colonel Wert advises from Bersello that the Enemy are raising a Battery over against Boretto, where we had planted some Cannon to hinder the Passage of any Ammunition by the River to the Enemy before Guastalla. We hear there are no Troops left at Madonna delle Grazie, and that there are but 5 Battalions in Mantua: That the Enemy have two small Camps, one at Borgoforte, the other at Bescoldo, in which there are but few Men, having drawn off as many as they can to reinforce their Army. 31. 130 Men of a Detachment that were sent to Bersello two days ago under a Convoy of 500 Horse, having mis'd their way, are return'd to the Camp: the rest are advanc'd to throw themselves into Bersello, but Major Wester who commands their Convoy not being come back yet, we cannot tell whether they are got in or not. The Enemy continue to batter Guastalla, and carry on their Trenches, of which there is no occasion because the Place has neither Breftwork nor Counterscarp. Captain Silvius of the Regiment of Ebergeni has cut off 15 of the Enemy and taken 8 Horses. Sept. 1. Major Wester is return'd, having convoy'd the Detachment of Foot into Bersello. In his way back he met with a Party of 35 Irish, of whom he kill'd 19, the rest escap'd. A Cartel is concluded between the two Armies for the Exchange of Prisoners, and an Express is gone with it to the Emperor to get it ratify'd. The Enemy have not yet begun to fire upon Guastalla as was reported; the noise of Cannon that we heard being from the Battery against Boretto. 2. The Enemy have begun to cannonade Guastalla; and have been Answer'd by the Small-shot of the Garrison. At Noon they play'd upon our Camp from their Battery in the Island but without doing us any hurt. Lieutenant Kiral has kill'd 11 Foot Soldiers of the Enemy's Guard: And has been at Novellara where he charg'd the Forragers, kill'd 9 Men, took 4 Prisoners, with 32 Horses and 8 Mules. Capt. St. Amour and Capt. Pfefferkorn went out with 200 Horse; they sent in 7 Prisoners, 24 Horses and 7 Mules. 3. The two Armies have made a great Forrage on each side. The Enemy have sent some more Cannon before Guastalla, but we can't understand for

what, since there can be no occasion for so much Artillery to attack an open Place. We have had no Advice from General Solari since he has been besieg'd. The two Armies continue to cannonade one another.

From the Harlem Courant, Dated Sept. 14.

Naples, Aug. 22. The Count de Tholouse is at Melazzo, and will continue to visit all the Ports of Sicily. The 6 French Gallies in our Port are to be joyn'd by those of this City and those of Sicily, and will all Sail to the Gulf of Venice, to reinforce Monsieur Fourbin's Squadron.

Genova, Aug. 20. Letters from Tunis say that the new Bey has no Kindness for the French, and that he will not let them buy any Corn in his Country; but that he has assur'd the English Resident, that he will write to Queen Ann that if her Fleet put into his Harbours they shall be receiv'd and treated as Friends.

Venice, Sept. 1. On Saturday happen'd a great Storm of Thunder and Lightning which lasted about an hour and did a great deal of Damage in the Terra Firma. Great Numbers of Sick and Wounded from the K. of Spain's Army, are brought daily in Waggon into Cremona; there are no less than 10000 of them in that City, and 2000 more are sent from thence to Lodi.

Ratisbon, Sept. 7. The Diet will resume their Conferences about the Declaration of War against France by the Empire on Monday next; 'tis said that all the Deputies have receiv'd Instructions to conform themselves to the Emperor's Resolutions on that Subject, except the Envoy of Bavaria, who expects his in 2 days. The Duke of Mecklenburg Swerin having intimated to the Diet that he has 1000 Horse and a Battalion of Foot ready to march for the Service of the Empire, they have thereupon desir'd him to send them towards Ments; which will be done accordingly.

From the Hague Gazette, Dated Sept. 21.

Frankfort, Sept. 17. The King of the Romans is expected at Heidelberg to day, and will return very shortly with his Queen to the Imperial Court at Vienna, leaving the Army to the Conduct of Prince Lewis of Baden.

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Amsterdam, Sept. 20. Letters from Curassou of the 25th. of July Advise that the Govern'r of Vera Cruz was resolv'd not to let the Plate Fleet Sail under the Convoy of Count Chateaugault. A Ship arriv'd from St. Thomas at Curassou brought word that an English Vessel had taken a Spanish Ship richly laden from Cartagena, each Seaman having 300 Pieces of Eight to his Share.

London, Sept. 17. This Morning Advice was brought of the Arrival of the following Ships from the East-Indies, by the Purser of one of them, who came ashore at Hastings and left them sailing towards the Downs. The *Josiah*, *Dashwood*, *Northumberland*, belonging to the Old Company. The *Sommers*, *Stretham*, *Seaford*, *Neptune*, *Eaton Frigate*, for the New. The *Gosfright* on the separate Trade, under Convoy of 6 Men of War: they are esteem'd worth a Million and a half.

The Fleet from Virginia of 150 Ships appear'd off the Start on the 15th.

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An Express arriv'd this Evening from Holland with the News (as we are told) of the Surrender of Venlo on Friday last.

From the Camp of the Allies commanded by the Earl of Marlborough at Soutendael, Sept. 21. N. S. On Tuesday the 17th, my Lord Marlborough with several general Officers of the Army went to Maestricht, and was receiv'd at the Brussels Gate by Lieutenant General Dopf, and the Garrison under Arms, with a triple Discharge of the Cannon. His Excellency visited the Fortifications, after which he went to the Governor's House, where the Magistrates of the Town waited on him, and made him the usual present of Wine. Whilst he was at Dinner, came the News of the taking of the Castle of Venlo by Assault, with no other particulars than that my Lord Cutts led on the English Grenadiers to the Attack, in which they acquitted themselves very honourably; and that of 4 or 500 Men that were in the Castle, about 100 were kill'd, and the Governor and a Brigadier with 80 more made Prisoners; the rest escaping into the Town. The French continue in their former Camp. Yesterday Count Tallard pass'd the Meuse with a strong Detachment; whether he is gone to Bonn, or to join Marshal Catinat, is uncertain.

† At the desire of some Persons of Quality, this present Friday being the 18th of September, at the Theatre-Royal in Drury-Lane, will be presented a Comedy, call'd, *The Emperor of the Moon*; wherein Mr. Penckethman acts the part of Harlequin without a Masque, for the Entertainment of an African Prince lately arrived here, being Nephew to the King of Bauday of that Country. With several Entertainments of Singing and Dancing, and the last new Epilogue never spoken but once by Mr. Penckethman.

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